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SUBJECT: MORALES BERMUDEZ REAFFIRMS THIRD WORLD COMMITMENT
AND WARNS FAR LEFT.

1. PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ, SPEAKING TO NATION ON OCTOBER 9 DAY OF NATIONAL DIGNITY (COMMEMORATING 1968 IPC TAKEOVER) FROM TALARA, REAFFIRMED PERU'S THIRD WORLD AND ANTI-IMPERIALIST COMMITMENT. MORALES BERMUDEZ DECLARED THAT MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS ARE THE "PRINCIPAL AGGRESSORS AGAINST WEAK NATIONS". HE CLAIMED THAT MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES DO NOT HESITATE TO INVOLVE THEIR GOVERNMENTS IN DEFENSE OF PRIVATE ECONOMIC INTERESTS. "THESE COMPANIES CONSTITUTE A CONSTANT DANGER FOR OUR PEOPLES WHEN LEGISLATION CONTROLLING THEIR OPERATIONS AND LIMITING THEIR EXPANSION IS NON-EXISTENT OR IS NOT APPLIED."

2. PERU BROKE THE PATTERN OF FOREIGN DOMINATION ON OCTOBER 9, 1968, SAID MORALES BERMUDEZ, AND WITH SUBSEQUENT EXPROPRIATIONS OF "GRACE, GULF, MARCONA AND CERRO DE PACO, AMONG OTHERS, (PERU) HAS NOW RECOVERED ALMOST ALL NATIONAL RESOURCES WHICH WERE CONTROLLED BY INTERNATIONAL ENTERPRISES". PERU TODAY, STATED MORALES BERMUDEZ, ASSOCIATES ITSELF WITH "THE NUMEROUS GROUP OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES FORMING THE VANGUARD OF AN ANTI-IMPERIALIST POSITION".

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3. TURNING TO THE THEME OF LABOR PEACE, MORALES BERMUDEZ

LASHED OUT AT CENTROMIN TRADE UNION FEDERATION, WHICH HAS TERMED THE GOP "PRO-IMPERIALIST" AND "CAPITALIST", AND WHICH IS THREATENING A GENERAL STRIKE. MORALES BERMUDEZ SAID THE CENTROMIN UNION WAS ATTEMPTING LURE GOP INTO REPRESSIVE ACTION IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE THAT PERUVIAN REVOLUTION HAS FAILED AND THAT A BLOODY REVOLUTION BASED ON CLASS HATRED IS ONLY RECOURSE FOR WORKERS. MORALES BERMUDEZ CALLED UPON PERUVIANS TO DISCOVER WHO MANIPULATES (CENTROMIN UNION LEADERS) AND WHY. FINALLY, MORALES BERMUDEZ DECLARED THAT REVOLUTIONARY PLURALISM DOES NOT INCLUDE AUTHORITY TO ENDANGER THE ECONOMY (WITH WORK STOPPAGES).

4. ANOTHER MAJOR POINT IN SPEECH WAS CALL FOR FURTHER JUDICIAL REFORM, FOLLOWING ON CREATION OF NEW TRIBUNALS (ONE FOR LABOR COMMUNITIES WAS RECENTLY ESTABLISHED). THE JUDICIAL PROCESS, SAID MORALES BERMUDEZ, MUST REFLECT SOCIAL REALITY AND JUDGES SHOULD BE TRAINED TO APPLY THE "NEW LAW" BASED FUNDAMENTALLY ON EQUITY.

5. COMMENT: LEFTIST NEWS COMMENTATOR FRANCISCO MONCLOA ASSERTED THAT MORALES BERMUDEZ' REMARKS ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AMOUNTED TO "CORDIAL SUGGESTION" AND "OFFICIAL RESPONSE" TO USG FOR "POSSIBLE REPRESENTATIONS" IT HAS MADE IN DEFENSE OF MARCONA. ALTHOUGH MONCLOA HAD CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH FORMER PRESIDENT VELASCO AND OFTEN WROTE AUTHORITATIVELY WE THINK HIS COMMENTS DO NOT REPRESENT THE OPINION OF MORALES BERMUDEZ. OUR VIEW OF MORALES BERMUDEZ' REMARKS IS THAT THEY WERE PLACED IN AN HISTORIC CONTEXT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT HAS SUCCESSFULLY MET WHAT IT PERCEIVES AS A CHALLENGE TO SOVEREIGNTY POSED BY MULTINATIONAL ACTIVITY. ALTHOUGH A COMMUNIQUE FROM THE OFFICIAL LABOR, PEASANT, TEACHER AND YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS CLAIMED THAT CENTROMIN UNION WAS IN LEAGUE WITH THE COUNTER-REVOLUTION, OLIGARCHY, MULTINATIONALS, AND THE CIA (SIC), WE VIEW MORALES BERMUDEZ' ATTACK ON THE UNION AS A CLEAR WARNING TO THE FAR LEFT. ALTHOUGH TAKING NATIONALISTIC LINE REQUIRED BY THE OCCASION, MORALES BERMUDEZ' SPEECH WAS MODERATE AND RESTRAINED IN ITS TREATMENT OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND MULTINATIONALS WHEN COMPARED TO SIMILAR SPEECHES MADE BY BELASCO.
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